

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st December 2013**

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## **2014 IRTS AGM**

The IRTS AGM and Rally will take place in the GALWAY BAY HOTEL on Sunday 23rd of March 2014 hosted by the Galway VHF Group. The Rally promises to be bigger than ever with the Following Traders in Attendance:

Maplin Electronics, South East Communications, Long Communications, Radio Trader Ireland.

Mike Higgins EI0CL, Sean (Roscommon) with his selection of ex PMR radio Equipment.

Wills Electronics, 091 Labs, XL Computer Systems, Airsoft.

A Large Bring and Buy stand will be manned throughout the duration of the Rally. We encourage the attendance of retailers of Radio Controlled Models and many more electronic and hobby interest groups.

Individual traders are also very welcome.

There will be no charge for tables in the Trading area. Each individual trading at a table will be charged just the admission fee of 5 Euro per person. The IRTS Annual Dinner will take place in the Galway Bay Hotel at 8pm and tickets for this will be available at 35 Euro from Steve EI5DD.

Enquiries about tables at the Rally and AGM Weekend should be directed to Steve EI5DD at 087 2451218

Tickets for the IRTS Dinner may be obtained from any committee member of the IRTS or from Steve EI5DD (0872451218). A special rate for accommodation is available from the Galway Bay Hotel if you mention the IRTS AGM Weekend when booking on 091 520520.

More information will follow as the AGM weekend draws closer.

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## **IRTS – Christmas Gift**

This Christmas/holiday season why not give yourself or surprise your amateur radio

colleague with the gift of an IRTS membership. Just click on the membership links on the IRTS website, [irts.ie](http://irts.ie). IRTS, amateur radio in Ireland.

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### **IRTS Technical Panel**

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. The e-mail address [irtstech /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irtstech/at/irts.ie) is a single point of contact for communicating with the Panel. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems.

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### **Phoenix Amateur Radio Annual Rally**

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club are pleased to announce that the annual Coolmine Radio Rally in Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 will take place on Sunday February 16th 2014. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5.00. For table bookings please contact Tony on 087 2439997.

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### **Summits On The Air**

Hans PB2T, who is IARU Region 1 President, was in Dublin during the week for a CEPT civil/military working group meeting, and took the opportunity to activate a few summits in the Wicklow hills. Accompanied by Joe EI7GY, Hans climbed Croaghanmoira and operated on 30 metres and 40 metres, attracting plenty of interest from local and continental European radio amateurs. Later in the day, Hans and Joe moved to Trooperstown and found contacts on the bands from 12 metres to 40 metres, including some Stateside QSOs. All in all, Hans had more than 80 QSOs from the two summits. Looking at the SOTAwatch spots for the day we see that Hans and Joe were not the only amateur radio operators on the Wicklow Hills, as Marek EI7KH was nearby on Little Sugar Loaf mountain.

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### **AMsat UK – FunCube Satellite**

On Thursday November 21st AMsat UK launched their FunCube satellite. This is a project aimed at schools science programmes. IRTS met with the European Space Agency (ESA) a couple of years ago with a view to putting together a transition year programme. As the IRTS involvement is still at the 'entry level' proposal stage, we need people who are eager to get involved. Are you interested? For further details and enquiries please contact the IRTS secretary, Ger, [ei4gxb/ at/ gmail /dot/ com](mailto:ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com).

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## **DX News**

Five members of the Cambridge University Wireless Society (G6UW) will operate from Ascension Island during the period 2 – 6 December. They will use the callsign ZD8UW. Activity will be on 40 – 10m CW and SSB. QSLs are being handled by M0OXO.

The ‘Buddies in the Caribbean’ group plan another trip to St Lucia from 1 – 9 December. As usual they will be using Buddipole antennas on 80 – 10m. Calls will be J6/homecall.

Haru JA1XGI will be active as V63XG from Chuuk Island in Micronesia from 4 – 12 December. He will operate all bands 160 – 10m on CW, SSB and RTTY. In particular he will be looking for contacts with Europe on 160 and 80m. QSLs go via his home call.

Alan VK4WR and Graeme VK4FI will operate from Niue Island with the callsign E6RQ from 7 – 17 December. QSL Manager is VK4FI

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Items for inclusion in next week’s Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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